

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over the Jung et al. (U.S. 6,097,949) in view of Salmi (U.S. 6,947,396), and further in view of Gaskill et al. (U.S. Patent 5,481,254).

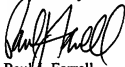
It is respectfully submitted that Salmi does not qualify as prior art. The earliest filing date of Salmi is December 1, 2000, and the priority date of the present application is December 29, 2000. A Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 is attached hereto to disqualify this reference by antedating Salmi. A certified English language translation of the priority document, KPA No. 2000-86178, for perfecting the priority claim is also attached hereto.

Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1-8 is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-8 are in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the earliest convenience to discuss the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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